

Let's Look Over Our Shoulder

NCE again the Foreign Ministers of the four chief Allied Powers are meeting in Paris to pave the way to peace. What they are doing this week-end may be a matter of life or death to millions yet unborn. For peace, like war, has become indispensable today. No country can afford not to have peace. It is the only way to solve the problem of world statelessness and to ensure human security. A recurrence of war madness ten, twenty or fifty years hence.

Hitherto Russian suspicions of the Western Democracies' good faith and their exaggerated notions of security for themselves have been the chief obstacle to a quick and friendly settlement of international difficulties.

Nothing could be more timely, therefore, or of better augury than the American effort to confide the dread secret of the atom bomb to an international authority under the United Nations Organisation.

Their exclusion from this secret has been bitterly resented by the Russians. They may, or may not, approve the entire American plan for control of atomic development by a single authority whose decisions no country would have the right to veto.

But they cannot shut their eyes to the large humanity and common sense of the American offer, and if they wanted proof of the Western World's good will, they surely have it now.

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ONE thing is certain: Britain will spare no effort to prevent the division of Europe into two hostile or half-hostile camps.

At the same time, Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes have made it clear to the Russians that the restoration of European economy cannot be delayed indefinitely on their account.

"No one nation," said Mr. Bevin emphatically, "is going to keep its eye on Russia for fear of foreign enemies."

This attitude of Russia will not help to promote a United Nations peace which all countries can accept. It is intended to bring peace with our neighbours through UNO and on our own terms.

It would, therefore, seem that the next move is left to Mr. Molotov, and, knowing that Russia needs time and security for reconstruction quite as much as we, we can but hope that she will now decide to help her Allies to provide both for everybody.

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LET no "friend of Russia" persuade you that our Government has no intention of "showing" Mr. Bevin his cards on the subject of peace, and all he asks is that Mr. Molotov should do as much.

Our Foreign Secretary to extend our treaty with the Soviets to 50 years, but Stalin said he would not do that unless the treaty were amended.

"Right!" said Mr. Bevin in effect. "Tell me how and why you want it changed and I will try to meet you," but he was given no frank reply to this frank invitation, and so, last week, with arms outstretched to the critics in his own Party, he cried: "What more can I do?"

Our Government is anxious to open trade with the Soviet Union, and Sir Stafford Cripps was ready to fly to Moscow to discuss ways and means, but the Russians were unwilling to receive him.

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ACCORDING to Mr. Morrison our country is making great strides towards recovery. He says that de-mobilisation will be virtually complete by the end of this year, and that the economy of the United Kingdom is changing over from war to peace "not only with breathless speed, but also with astounding momentum."

Frankly, this statement leaves one breathless and astounded, and it strikes me as rather too smooth to be quite convincing.

Possibly, I attach undue importance to food, clothing and houses, of which the first and

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"I'd like to speak to the person responsible for the weather forecasts!"

things we need and the consequences that we are not only short of current requirements but have also exhausted our reserves.

Even a worm will turn, but frocks and shirts can only be turned once or twice in their lifetime.

Unfortunately we are less conscious of the national need than we were. We tend to think in terms of our own trades. We have worked hard and we want more leisure. Living is more expensive and we naturally want more pay.

But the best-managed economy on earth cannot hope to increase wages and reduce working hours unless production is fully maintained, or better still, increased.

That is why the miners, who are demanding a forty-hour week and likely to get it, must pludge themselves in return to produce as much coal as they are doing now.

I should like to see working hours reduced all round provided output did not fall. We are fast moving into the leisure age, but the machines which serve us must also be served. The more we demand the more imperative our need to put extra minutes' working work into the working hour.

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I T is proposed, as you know, to employ a thousand British miners in Britain and perhaps more than that later on. German prisoners, too, may be used to increase coal production here.

Note, however, that no foreign miner will be allowed to replace a British worker, whose standard of pay and conditions will be maintained in the least.

Yes, some of the miners' leaders are trying to drive an unfair bargain with Mr. Churchill and protesting that, unless they get their charter at once, they will not tolerate this Polish and German labour.

That is surely a sort of blackmail, or, at the least, an irreparable loss.

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THOUGHT
For Today
GOD PUTS HIS BEST GIFTS ON THE LOWEST SHELVES. THAT HIS LITTLE ONES MAY REACH THEM.

Responsible "squeeze." For the Charter should be granted on its own merits, not as a bribe.

What the country needs is more coal. The whole of Britain is dependent upon the fuel supply and the Minister of Fuel and Power was dead right when he said that the first experiment in nationalisation was to get the coal mines into its way and it must deliver the goods.

"Nationalisation," said Mr. Morrison, "is not a matter of 'Get Out Them Steins' on the one hand and 'Get Out Them Steins' on the other."

He says he joined the crowd, thinking it was a fad, but he just got out. But you know what Father is like. He had to say when P.M. Montgomery asked him personally to go where else, if you see what I mean. Father was in the crowd from the office for Grandmother's Christmas party and he was in the crowd at the end of the last year. He was in the crowd at the end of the last year. He was in the crowd at the end of the last year.

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WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK
We haven't got a television set at home because Father says they are too noisy and that they are too expensive. But he is a bit of a snob and he is a bit of a snob and he is a bit of a snob.

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LITTLE ALFIE ON
"TWO TELEVISIONS"

Father isn't against television on principle. He only says: Why should you have to see what you don't want to see? Why should you have to see what you don't want to see? Why should you have to see what you don't want to see?

Cigarette Papers By THE LOUNGER

DID YOU KNOW—

The first English king to date his coins was Edward IV.

Rainbows leading from sunrise to sunset are frequent in Siberia.

There is a "California in Hertfordshire."

May Pickford was the first film star to be given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

More English churches are being built in the East Indies than in England.

Before the war Germany developed the use of the word "Gothic" to describe the style of their architecture.

According to an old belief May is the marriage month for apertures.

In Time-out, East India, women must keep one eye closed when they are being flogged.

Answer to last Sunday's puzzle: Length of rope of the plot are 30 yards and 64 yards.

"OUR ENGLISH VILLAGES"

How lovely are the Villages of England, green-budded and white-washed, with their red roofs and their white walls, with their little churches set like living jewels in their village greens and tumbling waterfalls.

With their cottage gardens blazing in the sunlight, with every coloured flower that they can hold, with their green daisies and their valleys and their daisy fields, and their drowsy sheep at rest in some quiet wood.

How lovely are the Villages of England with their quaint old lanes, with their centuries and their long-stopped daisies and little diamond windows, and white-washed walls.

With silver rivers threaded like bright ribbons across the daisied fields where cattle graze, with their odd humped bridges, and their willows beside the winding streams and waterways.—J. M.

EVERYDAY CAMEOS A Lost Genius

His little wife was not and sturdy and noisy, fragrance of coffee, freshly made, permeated the air. The heavy-lidded eyes of the acid cigarette smoke. Feminine voices cackled shrilly above the heavy basses of male voices.

They were heavy men for the most part, with something slightly alien about their colouring and the exaggeratedly large noses.

Yet their speech was of the genuine cockney vintage, with a touch of the old-fashioned, peculiar accent of perfume and rustiness, part of the atmosphere of the old London of the writers of Tin-Pan-Alley, these men.

Only the waitress, dexterous almost as Jugglers, Saxon in their stolidity, exuding a simple and spontaneous, seemed unimpressed with snatches of conversation that were for them. Hard luck stories, revelations of unrecognised talent.

Symptoms of frustration, understanding, since each was eager for his own turn to be heard.

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It Seems To Me Things NOT For Jest!

HANG ON TO YOUR SEATS, MESDAMES AND MESSIEURS, FOR I AM GOING TO UNFOLD TO YOU A FUNNY STORY, A REAL SIDE-SPLITTER OF A JOKE THAT WILL SET YOU ROCKING.

It is about a colony of pre-fabricated, one of which was occupied by a newly married couple.

The husband, a heavily educated man, had suffered annoyingly from smokers' cough.

Cough, cough, went the cough one night until two o'clock in the morning, when the loving, but by then harassed wife, sat up in bed and suggested that he get up and make him a cup of tea.

Whereupon, in almost united chorus, there came from a hundred of the inmates about, shouts of neighbourly encouragement for the sake of Mr. Brierley to get up and make him a cup of tea, and then we'll all go to sleep.

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IT needs no perpetually over-sensitised person to submit that nonsense may be either rather amusing, or rather boring, or rather irritating, but it will not be both at once.

The humour may be vindictive towards some personal motive. It may make sport of physical disabilities and other matters which for people of finer susceptibility are unmentionable.

It places me to believe that the British people, as audiences and as individuals, observe relatively high standards in judging the quality of entertainment. Let me say a few splashes of "dirty" jokes from an old opinion opinion they have of the whole.

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THEY do not notice the preference, namely, that a "jolly good show" from them mostly means one through which they can see through: of pre-fabricated walls. They can see through: of pre-fabricated walls. They can see through: of pre-fabricated walls.

Undoubtedly there is a drift of the kind of control are coming to be free from all labour control. So much the better, for nothing but a continuing national emergency could justify continued control of any section of our free people.

My only fear is that as and when the controls are removed, the drift from essential to non-essential occupations will increase.

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Man o' the People By THE LOUNGER

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